Telephone exchange/line in Pauri Garhwal

†2579. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people of Tarpalisaintha Patti Dhaijulieof the district of Pauri Garhwal, Uttaranchal are demanding for opening of telephone exchange and laying of telephone line in Tarpalisaintha for many years;

(b) if so, by when, this facility would be provided; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) There is no registered demand in Tarpalisaintha Patti Dhaijulie of the district of Pauri Garhwal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Mobile telephone facilities in Uttaranchal

†2580. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts in the State of Uttaranchal where mobile telephone facility is available;

(b) the percentage of the total area in the State which is availing the above-mentioned facility;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that in most cities of the State connected with mobile services, mobile sets do not work; and

(d) if so, the details of the measures proposed to be taken to improve the standard of mobile telephone services in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Sir, as per the terms and conditions of the Licence for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS), an operator for Telecom. Circle Service Area

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